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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: FIRE DEPARTMENT
AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING,
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING, AND
INSPECTION SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION PROJECTS
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action will authorize the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to execute as-needed consultant services agreements with Kleinfelder West, Inc. (Kleinfelder), MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. (MACTEC), and URS Corporation (URS) to provide geotechnical, materials testing, and inspection services for various fire stations to be constructed in the Santa Clarita Valley.

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FIRE CHIEF THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING
AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute consultant services agreements with Kleinfelder West Inc., MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., and URS Corporation for as-needed geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection services for six fire station projects to be constructed in the Santa Clarita Valley. The agreements will be for three-year terms commencing upon execution of the contract for a \$400,000 not-to-exceed fee each, for a total of \$1,200,000, to be funded by the following capital

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projects that have previously been approved by your Board: Capital Project No. 70930, Fire Station 104; Capital Project No. 70966, Fire Station 128; Capital Project No. 70931, Fire Station 132; Capital Project No. 70932, Fire Station 143; Capital Project No. 88936, Fire Station 150; and Capital Project No. 70973, Fire Station 156.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to approve and execute amendments and supplements related to these agreements within the same authority and limits delegated to the Director of Public Works by your Board for County capital projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will allow Public Works to procure independent geotechnical, materials testing, and inspection services for the following six new fire stations (Fire Stations 104, 128, 132, 143, 150, and 156) all located within the Santa Clarita Valley, which are currently or soon to be, in construction.

The use of independent materials testing and inspection firms during construction provides assurance that the materials, products, and processes used by the contractor meet the requirements of the construction documents. The current and anticipated workload exceeds the capacity of existing County resources, and these agreements are an efficient means of providing as-needed technical services for these projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding of these agreements meets the Countywide Strategic Plan goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by improving the efficiency, quality, and responsiveness of County services to all residents. It also meets the goal of Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2) by enhancing the ability of families to live in safe, stable, and supportive communities, and the goal of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's needs. These agreements help to achieve these goals, as they will support the construction of new fire stations that represent an investment in public infrastructure that will benefit the Santa Clarita Valley by improving the Fire District's ability to respond to local emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Your Board previously approved project budgets for Fire Station 104 (May 13, 2008), Fire Station 128 (July 9, 2009), Fire Station 132 (July 21, 2009), Fire Station 143 (May 13, 2008), Fire Station 150 (May 13, 2008), and Fire Station 156 (January 19, 2010). The previously approved budgets for the aforementioned projects include funds allocated for consultant services. The recommended consultant services agreements with Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS will be funded by these capital projects. When services are required to meet the technical and schedule requirements for a specific project, a separate scope of work and work order will be negotiated and authorized for each project within contract limitations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunities for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program), Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and Chapter 2.206 (Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program).

As requested by your Board on January 29, 2002, the Request for Proposal included a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) provision. These agreements include the required COLA language and comply with County policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, as it can be seen with certainty that the award of these consultant services agreements will not have an impact on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 8, 2009, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal to 30 firms for these services. We received 22 proposals, and an evaluation Committee comprised of Public Works' staff evaluated the proposals. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, Public Works selected Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS as the three most qualified firms.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us website.

Kleinfelder's, MACTEC's, and URS' Community Business Enterprises participation data and three-year contracting histories with the County are on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the recommended consultant services agreements. Authorizing the recommended consultant services agreements with Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS will facilitate the development and accelerate the delivery of the fire stations that Public Works is managing on behalf of the Fire District.

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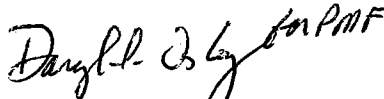
CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; Fire District; and the Department of Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division and Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



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